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**Importance:** High

Team,

Please see the revised version incorporating everyone's input as of 4:45 pm, 16 Jan 2020, that I hope to get to the front office tomorrow:

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**MEDIA INQUIRY: The News Journal Media Group (Sussex Co) - Blades clean-up follow-up questions**

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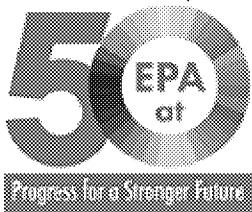
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**EPA Region 3 Proposed Response:**

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

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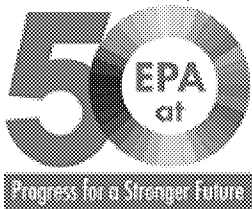
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Team,

Re-labeling the media request for tracking purposes. Also, I am about to head home, but I have not gotten a response from the reporter if a deadline of sometime tomorrow will work for her. I'll be in tomorrow morning.

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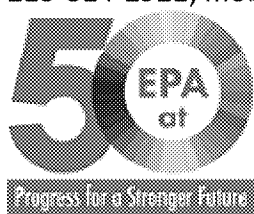
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Daniel,

Thanks. I think the response is very thorough. I have made some edits and wanted to make sure the information is still accurate before we vet it back through your program, your division director and then through our front office. Please see below (changes in red, questions in red italics):

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Hey Roy and Jeff,  
I wanted to add you both to the chain we have for the request.  
Please let me know if I should shorten our response, if we plan to respond via email or respond by a phone call.

Thanks.

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I added Connors information, Charlies and mine into one email. Let me know what you think. I am not in tomorrow so wanted to make sure I got this to the group.

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I also put together the below. I think between Connors, Charlies and mine we can have a decent summary.

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Connor – Thanks for taking the first crack at a response it's very thorough. I would suggest a more succinct answer and took a shot below using Connor's info. Please take a look and see if it is accurate.

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Dan and Amanda,

Let me know if this may help to answer the reporter's question.

To respond to this reporter's question:

"I'd like to double-check on the status of metals contamination and get some clarity for our readers on why this site is being proposed vs. other PFAS sites in Delaware, and to make sure I have the possible timeline of this process accurate."

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Hi Dan,

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Connor, I thought part of this question may be relevant for you since it is talking about getting a Site listed. Charlie and Amie, with the sensitivity about PFAS, I thought you should be aware of the question if there was a particular way management wants to address PFAS.

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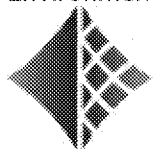
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I look forward to hearing from someone.

Thanks,

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Environment/Sussex County Reporter



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